

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1793**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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	: Morihiko Imada		
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	: BRIGHT ANNEALING FURNACE		
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 10, 2008, the Applicants amend the application as follows: